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Claim 10 has been amended to overcome the corresponding objection.

Claims 1-8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Rasmusson et al.

Previously, the Applicant has respectfully pointed out that the claims recite features not anticipated by Ramusson et al. In particular, such features include "for each of the input signals an individual processing history of adaptive echo cancelling data is kept and combined with current adaptive beamforming data", as recited in Claim 1. A similar feature is also recited in Claims 4 and 10. However, despite this point, the above rejection was maintained.

In maintaining the above rejection, it appears that the FIR adaptive filters of Rasmusson et al. is again being relied on.

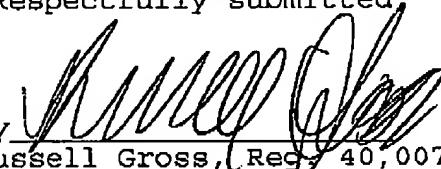
However, in column 5, lines 33-35, Rasmusson et al. clearly states that the FIR fileters 413,415 generate jammer signals. In view of this, Rasmusson et al. cannot be reasonably interpreted as disclosing "for each of the input signals an individual processing history of adaptive echo cancelling data is kept and combined with current adaptive beamforming data", as required by the claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this feature is not anticipated by Rasmusson et al.

In view of the above-described distinctions, it is respectfully submitted that the invention of Claims 1-8 and 10

is not anticipated by Rasmussen et al. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn so that the present application may proceed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) to Account No. 14-1270.

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